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I find the whole antitrust litigation disturbing from the standpoint that as a software consumer I don't view myself as being harmed by Microsoft's place in the market. We run Windows NT Windows 2000 Windows 98 MSOffice Explorer Publisher etc. And while these programs are not flawless they have increased our productivity immeasurably for a relatively small investment. There have certainly been alternatives to Microsoft products that I could have chosen but we felt that the Microsoft products gave us the most for our money. To penalize a company for being the best in its industry is un-American. There are no greater barriers to entry in this market than in any other. If someone can offer me a better price/performance combination with their product then I will migrate to it. Linux Sun Oracle are all names that compete with Microsoft but none could meet my needs as closely as the products we purchased. The irony of all this is that I work closely with an industry that is rapidly consolidating and will do far more to hurt the average consumer than Microsoft ever will yet this monopolistic drive rolls along with the government's blessing. Joel Klein has made a name for himself the government has wasted millions of taxpayer dollars the media has gotten to bash Microsoft-- everyone should be happy. I would also think the DOJ has more important things to worry about right now. So please accept the settlement and put an end to this travesty.